(b) A workshop on Training for Senior Personnel in Rural Women's Development was held at Anand in October this year. There are several other workshops/seminars focussing on improving the condition of rural women which are scheduled to be held during 1988. The suggestions/recommendations emerging from these will be considered by the Technical Committee on Women in Development at its subsequent meetings.

Election Commissions in States

*293 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up Independent State Level Election Commissions in all the States as demanded by various State Governments;

(b) if so, the names of such States which have approached the Central Government for the purpose; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No State has approached the Union Government for setting up independent State level Election Commissions

(c) Does not arise.

SAARC countries to have common television programme

*294 PROF C LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI V NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SAARC countries have decided to have common Television programmes for transmission in the near future;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in the recent SAARC conference in Nepal in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the subjects on which the Television programmes are proposed to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) At the Second SAARC Summit in Bangalore it was agreed in principle to launch a South Asian Broadcasting Programme The idea was elaborated and made concrete at the meetings of the SAARC member countries held in New Delhi in February and September 1987, as a result of which the SAARC Audio Visual Exchange (SAVE), consisting of radio and television programmes contributed by member countries, was launched on the 2nd November, 1987.

The subjects on which the television programmes are proposed to be telecast include:

(i) information regarding developments in areas of common interest—social, economic and cultural;

(ii) experiments and progress in economic development;

(iii) developments in science and technology;

(iv) tourism;

(v) common cultural heritage;

(vi) live telecasts/broadcasts of sports events, inauguration of SAARC Summits and major SAARC events;

(vii) any other areas mutually agreed upon.

Central investment in West Bengal

@*295. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Central investment in West

@Previously Starred Question 155 transferred from 17th November, 1987.

Bengal had come down to 6 per cent against 12 per cent in 1970;

(b) whether the credit-deposit ratio in West Bengal has also registered a fall from 62 per cent to 50 per cent as against the national average of 65 per cent in the same period; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The figures of Statewise Central investment are not maintained in the Planning Commission, as Plan investment by the Centre covers a wide range of both infrastructural and social welfare services However, Planning Commission has worked out in consultation with the various Ministries, estimates of Statewise expenditure of the central plan for the Sixth Five Year Plan 1980—85 As central plan investment is neither planned nor accounted for Statewise, some assumptions have been made in attempting such a break up Therefore, in view of the multiplicity of sources and the various assumptions made for this exercise, the figures so compiled at best give only a dimensional appreciation of the situation. A statement giving these figures Statewise is enclosed. (See below).

The statement shows that the share of the Central Investment in West Bengal during the Sixth Plan was 6.04 per cent. Regarding investment in 1970, Planning Commission does not have any information.

(b) At the end of 1986 the Credit/Deposit ratio of all scheduled Commercial Banks in West Bengal was 50.2 against the All India average of 63.

(c) There has been a general decline in the credit/deposit ratio at the All India level also from 75 9 in 1970 to 63 in 1986. However, the declining trend in West Bengal is comparatively sharper because in the initial years Calcutta was the only developed metropolitan Centre which used to sanction credit for the entire North Eastern Region as well as for the adjoining States Now Banking infrastructure has been developed in other areas which fall outside that of West Bengal To some extent industrial sickness power shortage and problem of industrial relations affecting industrial growth, were also responsible for the decline in advance sanctioned.

Statement

State-wise distribution of Central Plan Expenditure during Sixth Five Year Plan
(1980—85)

(Rs. in crores)

States/U.Ts.	Amount	Percentage
1. Andhra Pradesh	5404 57	9 37
2. Assam	2190 07	3 80
3. Bihar	4162 40	7·22
4. Gujarat	3130·33	5·43
5. Haryana	618·63	1 07
6. Himachal Pradesh	368 46	0 64
7. Jammu & Kashmir	501·58	0 87

(*Rs. in crores*)

States/UTs	Amount	%
8. Karnataka	1999 47	3 4
9. Kerala	1346·22	2 33
10. Madhya Pradesh	4710 56	8 .7
11. Maharashtra	4901 16	8 50
12. Manipur	125·20	0·22
13. Meghalaya	71 01	0·12
14. Nagaland	87 92	4 15
15. Orissa	2855·08	4 95
16. Punjab	656·67	1 14
17. Rajasthan	1675 35	2 91
18. Sikkim	34 47	0 06
19. Tamil Nadu	3167 09	5 49
20. Tripura	135 93	0 23
21. Uttar Pradesh	4302 20	7 46
22. West Bengal	3480 04	6 04
TOTAL-STATES	45924·41	79 64
1. Andaman & Nicobar	30 21	0 05
2. Arunachal Pradesh	50 69	0·09
3. Chandigarh	52 86	0 09
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3 65	0 01
5. Delhi	1170 95	2 03
6. Goa, Daman & Diu	162·04	0 28
7. Lakshadweep	4 04	0 01
8. Mizoram	30 13	0·05
9. Pondicherry	30·63	0·05
TOTAL UTs.	1535·20	2·66
UNALLOCATED	10204·26	17·70
TOTAL-STATES AND UTs. :	57663 87	100.00

Note: (i) The unallocated amount (Rs 10204 crores) includes offshore and other investment of Rs. 5500 crores in the Petroleum Sector.

(ii) The total Central Plan expenditure during the Sixth Plan was Rs 57800 crores The break-up available in the Statement is (including the unallocated portion) for Rs. 57664 crores

(iii) The data had to be compiled in a short time from a number of sources. A more precise and detailed Plan-wise compilation has been taken up in consultation with the Ministries; that will take considerable time.

(iv) As Central Plan investment is not planned or accounted State-wise, some assumptions have been made in attempting such a break-up. While they seem to be best possible assumption to base such an exercise as, their validity is certainly of a limited nature Some examples are given below:

(a) Railway investments on new lines, guage conversions and electrification have been broken up Statewise based on approximate length completed in each State

(b) The remaining 80 per cent of Railway Plan has been allocated to different States on the basis of route Kilometres falling in each State.

(c) Expenditure on purchase of aircraft (Civil Aviation Plan) has been allocated on the basis of the number of landings in each State.

(d) Expenditure of Air India on acquisition of aircraft has been allocated to four international airports on the basis of traffic handled by these Airports.

(e) Regarding Shipping, the Statewise allocations have been done on the basis of traffic earned by the major ports in each of the maritime States

(v) As Central investment in projects is mostly in areas where the necessary economic factors are in optimum availability, the objective of regional balance can have only limited relevance in such cases.

(vi) Housing & Urban Development includes provision for six schemes only. For HUDCO the total plan outlay was Rs. 50 crores. The actual releases amount to Rs. 675.87 crores. This is due to market borrowings of the HUDCO. Besides infomartion on Stationery & Printing is still awaited.

Agreement with the USA for sharing intelligence information to combat terrorism

*296. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been entered upon with the Government of USA for sharing intelligence information to combat terrorism; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a High Court Bench at Raipur

*297 SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 99 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the comments of the State Government in regard to the setting up of a High Court bench at Raipur have since been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) by when Government intend to take a final decision in regard to the setting up of a High Court bench at Raipur in accordance with the recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission?